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UNION STATE CONVENTION.

The majority of the General Convention of the Union State of Kentucky, which assembled in Louisville on the 10th March, 1863, consider it their duty and right to call a convention of the Union State of Kentucky, to be held in the city of Louisville on the 10th of July, for the purpose of forming a State electoral college, and electing delegates to the Union State Convention, to be held in the city of Chicago on the 4th of July.

JAMES GUTHRIE, Chairman.  
GEORGE PRENTICE, Secretary.  
GEO. P. DORR, HAMILTON POPE.

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1864.

The Frankfort Commonwealth, we observe, publishes what is styled a "Call for a Union Convention," to meet in this city on the twenty-fifth of next May, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Union State Convention, to be held in the city of Chicago on the 4th of July.

To make the broad force still broader, if possible, the signers of the call, so far as they are known politically at all, are known to be in open rebellion with the Union State of Kentucky. They all agree in repudiating the platform of the Union State of Kentucky. Not one of them stands or professes to stand upon that platform.

While, however, they all agree in now occupying a position of hostility to the Union State of Kentucky, they do not agree so fully in their antecedents, some of them having been originally abolitionists, some Unionists, and some secessionists. For example, R. Williams, who heads the list, and who not long ago was engaged some ten or fifteen days in privately beating up a meeting in the county of Graves to induce Mr. Lucien Anderson, wrote the following letter two days after the fall of Sumter.

MATTHEW, Ky., April 10, 1861.

Editors Democrat, Louisville:

It seems that a war policy has been determined on, and that we are to be precipitated into civil war, without even the usual peaceful solution of our present national difficulties.

I suppose this war was inaugurated will cause Virginia to secede, and to do away with the Border Slave State Convention, rendering it useless longer to keep up the pretense of the Union Democratic party have discharged their whole duty to prevent this, the Union Democratic party have discharged their whole duty to prevent this, the Union Democratic party have discharged their whole duty to prevent this.

My object in writing this is to present my name to be withdrawn from the Union Democratic ticket. Not that I would later if there seems yet even a hope to restore peace to a distracted country.

M. M. Denton, again, who supports the centre of the list, and whose current political character is sufficiently notorious, was so elected by the voters of the rebels at Ball Run, as has been asserted universally and never denied, that he drove out of the city into the country in order to have room enough to show good. How many of these signers are haunted by the like antecedents, we do not say; nor is it important to ascertain.

It is sufficient to know, that, wherever they may have said or done heretofore, they all unite now in repudiating the Union party of Kentucky and in endorsing the secession party of the country. The only Union party to the membership of which they have the slightest claim is the one whose national convention they significantly describe as the Union State Convention.

By way of adding to the movement the signatures which appear to endorse the movement, we elsewhere reproduce the call entire, with the signatures appended. The argumentative part of the preamble we have confined in advance, though it is so flimsy and so opposed to the most familiar facts of our current history that it requires no formal confutation.

Kossuth has issued a proclamation, which has been extensively circulated among his Hungarian countrymen, who are in the Austrian army occupying Venice. The proclamation states that he advises them to desert the service, leave the Austrian flag, and ally themselves under the banner of the King of Italy. This he points out to be a political move, and shows that now is the time of Italy.

When Victor Emmanuel is preparing to assert his right in the Duchies as integral parts of Italian nationality. He tells them that already a Hungarian Legion is in process of formation, and that the King of Italy speaks of marching into the Danube valley, which is not settled, but it seems hardly possible that European diplomacy will suffer the casual belittling longer to interfere with the settlement of difficulties in the Scandinavian peninsula.

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